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1. As of approximately 15 May 1954, the East German Ministry of Light Industry was reorganized in its highest echelon as follows:

- a. Dr. Wilhelm Feldman (NDP) remained as Minister.
- b. Rudi (or Wilhelm) Teichmann (SED) became Deputy Minister and State Secretary.
- c. Willi-Peter Konzok (LDP) was appointed Deputy Minister.
- d. Paul Krauss (SED) was appointed Deputy Minister.

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4. Krauss heads the Hauptverwaltung Polygraphie and is in charge of general administrative matters in the Ministry. Teichmann heads Hauptverwaltung Textil, and Konzok the Hauptverwaltungen Holz, Glas und Keramik, and Leder.

1. Comment. Krauss and Teichmann were assigned to the Ministry at the insistence of the SED Central Committee.

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2. Comment. The fact that the Central Committee has apparently ordered this change in the Ministry indicates that possibly the unsatisfactory performance in the production of consumer goods as called for in the New Course is to be remedied. It is possible that Feldmann and Konzok are being retained so that scapegoats will be available in case the Ministry continues to be unsuccessful in producing the desired amounts and quality of consumer goods.

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